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First In 64 Years

One of Kenyon's fraternities just went national. Known locally as Sigma Phi Tau, the community service-based organization has just colonized with national fraternity Phi Kappa Tau. What's next for the group? Getting chartered.

VICTORIA UNGVARSKY
PHOTO EDITOR

For the first time in more than 60 years, Kenyon has a new national fraternity. After years of discussion, April 5 marked the initiation of a new group into the national fraternity Phi Kappa Tau (Phi Tau) from their local status as Sigma Phi Tau.

"I think that we have a really good opportunity to create a new fraternity on the campus that can lead to [creating] better people and a better community in general,"

said Brian Pragacz '17, an associate member and founding father of the Phi Taus.

Colonization of a new fraternity begins when students at a school reach out to the national organization. However, the Phi Taus have been hoping to colonize at Kenyon for many years due to the fraternity's connection with Paul Newman '49 — before transferring to Kenyon, Newman pledged Phi Tau at Ohio University.

Through this connection, the Phi Taus have

maintained a close relationship with Serious-Fun Children's Network, a philanthropic network that Newman established. The Phi Taus work closely with Flying Horse Farms, a non-profit camp in Mount Gilead, Ohio, that works with children with serious medical conditions. The close relationship between the Phi Taus and Flying Horse Farms appealed to several Kenyon students who worked at the camp a few years ago.

Michael Lukins, the colony development con-

sultant in the national office of Phi Kappa Tau, praised the students for their initiative in starting a new fraternity at Kenyon. "I think a lot of it is finding a supporting atmosphere," Lukin said. "At schools we like to see a partnership — that the fraternity owes to give something to the school."

Although the original plans to establish the Phi Taus at Kenyon fell through, Assistant Director of Housing and Residential Life Andrea Kelley reached out to three Community **▶page 3**

Admissions dean leaves position

MADELEINE THOMPSON
NEWS EDITOR

Jennifer Delahunty has sent out thumps-up letters to thousands of students around the world. After 11 years as the vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions and financial aid, Delahunty is leaving Gambier for a position as associate dean of the West Coast.



CORA MARKOWITZ | COLLEGIAN
Dean of Admissions Jennifer Delahunty

"What I'm hoping to do is to represent Kenyon in an immediate way by being on the ground on the West Coast," said Delahunty, who will stay on as dean of admissions until her replacement is found. "There are more than 80 colleges that have West Coast regional representation, so I think this is part of the larger trend."

"She has an extraordinarily good handle, I think, on the kind of student that could make a contribution at Kenyon," Dean of Students Hank Toutain said. "I think that has contributed enormously to what can only be described as an extraordinarily successful tenure."

Delahunty arrived on the Hill the same **▶page 3**

CSAD kicks off

ERIC GELLER
SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR

"Kenyon College, welcome to nerd prom."

And so the Center for the Study of American Democracy (CSAD) Director and Assistant Professor of Political Science Thomas Karako welcomed the audience to this week's CSAD conference on economic inequality last night in Rosse Hall.

President Sean Decatur then took the stage to introduce Former Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Director Douglas Holtz-Eakin, and responded, to significant laughter, that nerd prom was "the only kind of prom that I've been invited to."

The substance of Holtz-Eakin's talk, however, did not produce similar laughs. Inspiring a lively discussion about the minimum wage, corporate **▶page 5**

WOMEN'S LACROSSE SWEEPS HIRAM



VICTORIA UNGVARSKY | COLLEGIAN

Yesterday, women's lacrosse blew out Hiram 13-9. See page 16.

\$56,810: Why tuition is so damn high

MADELEINE THOMPSON
NEWS EDITOR

What's the price of a Kenyon education? Measuring the value of a Kenyon education, monetarily and in intangible benefits, is difficult, but one thing is certain: it could be a lot more expensive. Kenyon charged \$56,810 for the academic year 2013-14, but it's possible that price is a discount. According to Associate Vice President for Finance Todd Burson, it de-

“At the end of the day ... this total cost is \$73,000 per student.”

Todd Burson, Associate Vice President for Finance

pends on how you define it. "At the end of the day ... this total cost is \$73,000 per student, but the College is only charging 56," Burson said.

Kenyon is expensive, and its cost continues to rise. But behind a diploma's sticker price is a more complicated story. Tuition is but one source of revenue for

Kenyon — with those other sources keeping tuition down. And as administrators address backlash over the rising cost of college, they say they are confronting a reality when it comes to tuition: for families and students, every dollar counts.

Kenyon's aggregate op-

erating cost is a little more than \$125 million per year. If Kenyon only gathered revenue from students' tuition, it would still cost approximately \$17,000 to cover each student's share of that budget. But the College's balance sheet isn't so simple. Kenyon derives revenue from five other sources besides tuition and fees: support from reserves (stocks and bonds the College has invested in), endowment **▶page 8**

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NEWS

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MADELEINE THOMPSON

Dean of Admissions Jennifer Delahunty on building her staff:

We're seeking to increase professionalism and retention among the admissions staff. There's an old saying in the business, "You're in the business for three years or 30." And you know we have staff members who are with us for about three years and then they just hit their peak and want to move along, so we're really working on trying to retain our staff and build longevity.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Sunday, April 6

- The Junior Class Committee reported it was working on a fundraiser, possibly a pool party at the Kenyon Athletic Center.
- The Sophomore Class Committee will continue to plan a bonfire, after the event was canceled due to rain.
- The Housing and Dining Committee will begin "cup shaming" in the coming weeks to encourage students to bring back Peirce plastic cups, after learning that the 1,800 cups AVI ordered most recently have dwindled down to 600.
- The Senior Class Committee is moving forward with its plans to construct a gazebo as their class gift.
- The First-Year Class Council reported it will be holding a fundraiser before the end of the year.
- The Student Life Committee has extended the deadline for end-of-the-semester evaluations to April 8.
- Council discussed possible updates to the Campus Government Constitution, deciding to draft language stipulating the Academic Affairs Committee meet with the dean of academic advising in addition to the provost.

— Graham Reid

VILLAGE RECORD

April 3 — April 9

- April 3, 12:48 a.m.** — Student room smelled heavily of illegal substance in Caples Residence Hall. Student(s) denied use.
- April 4, 2:46 p.m.** — Fire alarm activated in Samuel Mather Hall. Hot water unit leaking water and steam into boiler room. No fire. Alarm reset. Maintenance notified.
- April 4, 4:58 p.m.** — Student complaint of faintness and racing heartbeat. Transported by squad to Knox Community Hospital (KCH) for further evaluation/treatment.
- April 4, 6:13 p.m.** — Glass panel broken out of door in Old Kenyon Residence Hall.
- April 4, 8:02 p.m.** — Student with existing medical condition required assistance on Zion Road Farm. Transported to KCH for evaluation/assistance.
- April 5, 12:49 a.m.** — Safety officers found pizza box set on fire in the New Apartments Tennis Courts. Fire extinguished and assured to be out. Charred mark left on court.
- April 5, 1:55 a.m.** — Student non-compliant with Safety officers. Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) called because individual claimed not to be a student in Caples. Due to student actions, student was tested and received citation for underage consumption.
- April 5, 5:31 p.m.** — Student complaint of car being keyed in Ascension Lot.
- April 5, 6:45 p.m.** — Ill student complaint of flu-like symptoms in Hanna Hall. Transported to KCH by friend.
- April 5, 10:32 p.m.** — Students found to be in possession of alcohol in Gund Residence Hall.
- April 5, 10:32 p.m.** — Students found to be in possession of alcohol in McBride Residence Hall. Alcohol disposed of.
- April 5, 10:59 p.m.** — Intoxicated student in Gund Commons. Escorted to residence by Safety officer(s).
- April 5, 11:11 p.m.** — Intoxicated student. Escorted to residence by Safety officer(s). Student left residence and went back to party and was once again escorted by Safety officer(s) back to residence.
- April 5, 11:13 p.m.** — Ill student complaint of dizziness, nausea and sensitivity to light and sound in the North Campus Apartments. Transported to KCH.
- April 5, 11:44 p.m.** — Intoxicated student found unresponsive with vomit about self and area in Gund Commons. Transported to KCH. Received citation for underage consumption by KCSO.
- April 6, 12:27 a.m.** — Intoxicated student in Gund Commons. Escorted to residence by Safety officer.
- April 6, 1:20 a.m.** — Alumni and student guests had a verbal altercation in Gund Commons. Safety officers responded and individuals were asked to leave area. All complied.
- April 6, 1:24 a.m.** — Student complaint of flu-like symptoms in Gund Residence Hall. Transported to KCH by squad for further evaluation/treatment.
- April 6, 9:31 a.m.** — Student complaint of flu-like symptoms in the New Apts. Contacted friend to transport to Urgent Care.
- April 6, 2:05 p.m.** — Student complaint of nausea and headache in Olin Library. Evaluated by Safety officer.
- April 6, 9:26 p.m.** — KCSO officer reported a student cited for underage consumption.
- April 7, 1:01 a.m.** — Intoxicated students found breaking College-owned sign after entering building without authorization and taking the sign in Leonard Residence Hall.
- April 7, 4:20 p.m.** — Students found using illegal substance in Old Kenyon Residence Hall. Student threw out remaining substance. No confiscation took place.
- April 7, 8:18 p.m.** — Student smoking illegal substance in Olin. Students identified.
- April 7, 8:54 p.m.** — Student complaint of flu-like symptoms in Norton Residence Hall.

NEWS BRIEF

Collegian alumni discuss journalism's future



Five journalists whose careers began in the pages of the *Collegian* returned to the Hill on Saturday, April 5 and shared their thoughts on media ethics, the role of the press and the breakneck pace of the modern news cycle.

The panel in Hayes Hall, which was part of a larger *Collegian* alumni conference with sessions for current staff members, included Paul Singer '88.5, politics editor at *USA Today*; Renee Peck '75, the founder of the New Orleans-focused website NolaVie.com; Erin Mershon '12, a technology reporter for *POLITICO Pro*; Willow Belden '07, reporter and anchor at Wyoming Public Radio; and Robbie Ketcham '04, a former copy editor and designer.

The discussion, moderated by *Collegian* Editors-in-Chief David McCabe '14 and Lauren Toole '14, touched on the financial constraints that news organizations face and the resulting desire to cover viral stories — and to cover them quickly.

"There is an evolving sense of when a story is ripe to publish," Singer said at the panel.

Ketcham stressed that journalists should strive to educate people even if they were only visiting a website to learn about Justin Bieber or another trending topic, while Belden argued the goal of journalism was to "make stories that aren't already sexy, sexy."

The panelists agreed the primary responsibility of a journalist remained the same even amid all the changes happening in modern journalism.

"Newspapers don't tell you what to think," Ketcham said. "They tell you what to think about."

— Eric Geller

VILLAGE COUNCIL

Sunday, April 6

- Kenyon's Chief Business Officer Mark Kohlman reported to Council that construction on the Health Center "is moving right along" and should be completed in June.
- Mayor Kirk Emmert reported that the committee exploring the update to the campus master plan had met in March and would do so again today (April 10). Emmert said the committee had ranked the construction of a new dorm on the first-year quad and downtown improvements at the top of its list of changes it would like to see.
- Village Administrator Suzanne Hopkins reported the Village had to call in Dreier & Maller, Inc. of Reynoldsburg last month to repair two overflowing sewer pipes on East Woodside Drive and Chase Avenue. Council approved an emergency \$6,000 expenditure for additional assessment and repair.
- Council approved \$19,496 for a transit van to replace the Village's S-10 water truck.
- Hopkins reported that AT&T has requested an additional 12-by-18 foot space for an emergency generator by the water tower so cell service may continue in the event of a power outage.
- The Gambier maintenance crew will be installing a new water line beneath 201 E. Brooklyn Street.
- "Stick it to the Village Day" will be Monday, April 14 and Monday, April 21. The Village's maintenance crew will only pick up stick piles left by the road.
- The Annual Spring Dumpster Day will be Saturday, May 3. Gambier and College Township residents may use the dumpsters at the Gambier Maintenance Barn at 141 Meadow Lane from 8 a.m. to noon.
- The Village will plant three beech trees at the playground in the Gambier Community Park in honor of Arbor Day.
- Council adopted an ordinance setting employees' wages and benefits, as it does yearly.
- Council approved the second reading of an ordinance increasing wastewater rates by eight percent.
- Chair of the Village Buildings and Grounds Committee Tom Stamp reported parking violations and trash are plaguing the area around the Beta Lodge and Ganter-Price Hall.
- Council approved an ordinance to enter into a program allowing the Village to purchase natural gas energy collectively, as opposed to individual consumers, with approval to come from voters in November.
- Chair of the Streets and Utilities Committee Kachen Kimmell said the Village hopes to have a table at the fall activities fair to teach students about the Village and issues related to road safety.
- Council adopted a resolution to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's rock salt agreement.

— Henri Gendreau

ECO collaborates with groups for Week of Sustainability

Though the week was deemed an overall success, Kenyon still has a long way to go on its green goals.

PHOEBE ROE
NEWS ASSISTANT

While successfully raising awareness about energy conservation and the environment, this year's Week of Sustainability simultaneously highlighted Kenyon's inability to sustain these conversations in day-to-day life.

ECO, the environmental campus group, partnered with other organizations and groups on campus to host programs like the Beehive Design Collective, an activist art collective, and other targeted events to raise the community's involvement in sustainability issues.

"What's cool about Week of Sustainability is that it's a chance for people who don't really come to ECO meetings or don't really want to go hug a tree or s—t like that to learn that there are multiple levels of being environmental that affect you," said Brett Miller '15, a leader of ECO.

To prepare for this year's Week of Sustainability, ECO worked hard to partner with other clubs and organizations around campus to try to draw more of an audience to the yearly event.

"We collaborated with Crozier, Outdoors Club, Sustainability Office, Kenyon Community Alliance," said Sarah Oleisky '16, an ECO member and the Sustainability Office intern.

As part of her job as the sustainability intern, Oleisky oversaw an energy conservation competition



CORA MARKOWITZ | COLLEGIAN

A weekend's worth of litter was put on display as one of the events for Sustainability Week.

which utilized Kenyon's campus-wide energy monitors to pit dorms against each other to determine who could conserve the most energy over one week. Additionally, there was a panel on climate change featuring Kenyon professors and the week ended with an event hosted by the Brown Family Environmental Center.

"We actually had one event every day; we had a bunch of help from

different groups and they were actually well-attended so this was such an awesome success," Miller said. "I'm just so proud of it in every way, shape and form."

Though the events were well-attended and ECO representatives believe they were successful at spreading awareness about sustainability, ECO members said Kenyon should be doing more.

"I know they have the energy

monitors going on, but I'm one of the leaders of ECO and I don't even know what the f—k is going on," Miller said.

Kenyon's sustainability website features a "Statement of Sustainability" which reads, "Kenyon understands that creating a sustainable campus as well as showing respect and care for the environment should be among the core values that guide our teaching, research, service and

administrative decisions."

However, as this year's Peirce plastic cup shortage and the YouTube-prone KEY Kiosk have proven, these sustainability promises may not always be carried out.

"I really don't think [the KEY Kiosk is] serving its purpose because I don't even know about it," Aaron McIlhenny '16 said.

Miller hopes that in the coming years, sustainability will become a part of classroom discourse as well as everyday student life. "I don't expect everyone to come to ECO meetings, but it would be so cool for ECO to make being environmentally aware more a part of campus life."

ECO has started working on future projects such as applying for a grant to cover sustainability initiatives, including compensating student workers to collect Peirce dishes from around campus, a hoop house which will be completed later this year and a partnership with Wiggin Street Elementary School to assist with recycling.

"What draws me to environmentalism is that if you take just two seconds to throw away a bottle, you're thinking about more than yourself — you're thinking about all the people who are going to be affected [in] the whole country and the whole world," Miller said. "Kenyon is a school that preaches 'community' so much, but so doesn't follow through when it comes to that — I find that frustrating."

Delahunty diversified student body

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year as former President S. Georgia Nugent, and since then has overseen a push for multicultural and socioeconomic diversity. Before Delahunty, there was no effort to recruit internationally. She has since headed the initiative to invest more time and effort into this sector.

"The assignment when I came in was to make Kenyon better-known, to raise its profile on a national and international level," Delahunty said. "The quest for making Kenyon a more diverse place was also part of the assignment — to make Kenyon look more like the rest of America and the world."

Two years ago, Sonya Broeren was hired in the newly-created position of associate director of admissions and international recruiting — the Office of Admissions' attempt to resolve the diversity gap.

"Originally, it was really hit or miss," Broeren said. "There was no strategic plan [for] where are we going to recruit. It was more like we were invited to programs

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Jennifer Delahunty, departing Dean of Admissions

and we were like, 'Oh yeah, that sounds great.' We also weren't coordinating with faculty who were going abroad, and that was one of my visions."

This year, Professor of Religious Studies Miriam Dean-Otting interviewed a prospective student in Jerusalem, where she is on sabbatical. Broeren called Delahunty a "pioneer" for her support and advocacy for global outreach. The new and improved international recruiting plan involves an international student advisory board to work with international students currently on campus, collaborating with the Provost's Office to utilize travelling faculty and increasing Skype interview opportunities. "We're hitting continents we've never been on before," Broeren said, listing places such as South America, Central America and South Africa.

The recent rise in application numbers were

not only the result of well-focused recruiting efforts but also the move to get rid of the application supplement — its removal led to a 63-percent rise in applications. It was one of the more controversial moves of Delahunty's tenure, but she continues to stand behind the decision.

"Students were giving us very coarse supplements, reasons [for] 'Why Kenyon?' and we were admitting them, and then there were students who were giving us really great 'Why Kenyon?' [responses] and we were denying them," Delahunty said. "So it's sort of like a non-critical element in our decision-making." She noted that the rate of students starting and completing the Kenyon Common Application has increased in the post-supplement era.

In the next dean of admissions, President Sean Decatur is looking for someone who will "recogniz[e] that analytics, research and

data are key pieces of success in recruiting a class, but also that personal touches, human connection and creativity are essential as well," he wrote in an email.

Delahunty hopes her successor will "keep the momentum going. ... The direction [Decatur] wants is really up to him," she said. "He's doing some very big visioning kind of exercises, so I imagine he wants a partner who envisions what the future of Kenyon will look like."

Delahunty, who came to Kenyon from the West Coast, deemed the move an opportunity to return to her roots. "It's just sort of a, in many ways, a coalescing of personal and professional," Delahunty said.

Working with students is Delahunty's favorite part of the job, and stepping into this new role will enable her to do more of it.

"I think the College really needs some new leadership in terms of admissions," she said. "I think I've done what I can do, and now I think an infusion of new leadership and energy will be really good for Kenyon."

Fraternity faces growing pains

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Advisers, Peter Granville '16, Trevor Kirby '16 and Gibson Oakley '16. "She asked us if we wanted to get [the plan] started again, because a lot of the administration really, really liked the idea," Granville said. "From there we started recruiting our sophomore friends and ... some freshmen joined in rush." Including two juniors who were abroad last semester, the fraternity totals 14 members.

Starting a new fraternity from the ground up comes with benefits and disadvantages. The founders have the opportunity to create a new organization based on their own values. One of the foundational principles of the Phi Taus is a commitment to service, a value its founders plan to promote on campus.

"We really just want to be a force for good on campus," Granville said. They also hope to strengthen the bonds between Flying

Horse Farms and Kenyon.

The colonization ceremony has been achieved, but the brothers of Phi Tau still have work to do to be established on campus. Creating a new fraternity is costly, and the lack of alumni puts them at a disadvantage. The Phi Taus are hoping to stabilize themselves financially through fundraising.

Additionally, finding new members on a campus with six other fraternities will be a challenge. "I think almost every fraternity on campus has its niche," Lukins added. "[Prospective brothers] have to figure out what their niche is; that's always a challenge."

Despite the difficulties they face, the brothers of Phi Tau are eager to make a name for themselves on campus and to start giving back. "Once we reach the goal of making the chapter, we can really to the fullest extent, bring more awesome things to this campus," Pragacz said.

SMAs, DAs experience surge in membership applications

Beer and Sex applications stayed competitive, with around 60 applicants in the pool.

MAYA KAUFMAN
STAFF WRITER

What does it take to be a student adviser? With application numbers on the rise, applicants for positions in the Discrimination Adviser (DA), Sexual Misconduct Adviser (SMA) and Beer and Sex programs are facing fierce competition.

The DA program — the smallest of the three — received 19 applications, the same number as in 2012, and a marginal increase from the 17 applications submitted in 2011.

“[Application numbers] have been climbing for the past number of years,” said Alex Britt ’15, who is a student coordinator for the DAs, and has been a DA for two years. “It’s great that there are more people who are getting to know who the DAs are and what we do.”

There are currently 13 to 15 student DAs. The program tries to maintain this number, and with only a few senior DAs graduating this year, just a handful of students will be offered a position. The group runs programming to promote discussion of diversity issues, as well as counseling students who have faced discrimination.

Students submitted an application in which they explained their reasons for applying and what projects they would like to be involved in as a DA. Applicant interviews conclude this week.

“It’s going to be really tough, be-

cause we’re going to have to make decisions in a couple of weeks,” Britt said. “You don’t want to say no to anyone because everyone has a reason for applying. Everyone [who applied] would make an amazing DA, but we can only take so many in our program.”

Typically drawing between 35 and 40 applicants per year, the SMA program received 47 applications this year, about a 12-percent increase from last year’s 42 applicants. Applicants submit a brief narrative explaining their interest in the program. The interview process, conducted by a member of the Counseling Center and three to five SMAs, begins this week and will continue into next week.

“[Sexual] misconduct has been more discussed on campus in recent years, and people have more of an interest in this topic,” Nicole Keller, college counselor at the Health and Counseling Center, said in regard to the rise in applications. “There has been a steady increase over the last four to five years. It’s one of those topics that people are very passionate about. Kenyon students really want to help each other.”

The Beer and Sex adviser position is widely regarded as a competitive, sought-after job. The program received approximately 60 applications for the upcoming school year and typically attracts anywhere



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Ines Forjaz de Lacerda ’17 works on her application to become a Beer and Sex adviser next year.

from 50 to 80 applicants per year.

“Our relative number of applications each year usually depends on how well we do in terms of year-round programming and sending out student infos about applications,” Emily Estus ’14, co-president of Beer and Sex, wrote in an email. “This year, we did Beer and Sex-themed trivia in the fall and the Polar Plunge in the spring, so I’m assuming that kept our numbers up.”

Although Estus declined to release the exact numbers, the current estimate of 60 applications would

mark a 20 percent increase from last year’s approximate number of 50 applications. The program is looking to fill 11 to 13 spots, placing the acceptance rate at approximately 20 percent.

The program first narrows down the applicant pool to 30 to 40 people for a group interview.

“The criteria for our final choices are usually based around trying to maintain a diversity of experiences and opinions, finding people who are confident enough to speak to a room full of people and choosing

those who seem passionate about our mission while remaining level-headed,” Estus wrote.

Britt, Keller and Estus each expressed that their respective applicant pools were characterized by a strong passion to help other students.

“The common thread that ties everyone together is a passion for contributing to the development of an enlightened community,” Estus said. “We are all learning how to take care of each other and ourselves.”

Students ignore ResLife search

GABE BRISON-TREZISE
SPECIAL PROJECTS
DIRECTOR

For the first time in roughly seven years, students were offered the chance to weigh in on the search for a new director of Housing and Residential Life (ResLife), yet no students attended the public discussions with the first two of four short-listed candidates.

“There’s kind of a gap between what students say they want and what they’re actually doing to get it,” said Becky Gorin ’14, community adviser (CA) and a member of the nine-person search committee charged with selecting former ResLife Director Alicia Dugas’s replacement.

“I definitely encourage people to come out and go to those open sessions and have their opinions heard,” Gorin said. The last session is tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in Peirce Lounge, with visiting candidate Paul Posener, who most recently held a similar post at Alfred State College in New York.

Dean of Students Hank Toutain, also a part of the committee, noted in an email that he wanted to see the next

ResLife director undertake “a greater integration of the curricular and co-curricular aspects of student lives.” He added that he hoped to see “more learning and skill development take place as a result of the residential experience.”

Lara Conrad, another one of the four candidates, also advocated a move toward more curricular programming in ResLife. “It would be similar to some of the themed housing Kenyon already has but possibly driven by an academic department versus being driven by just a student club or something — maybe some sort of experiential learning, preparing for studying abroad,” she said.

The four candidates have worked across the country, from New York to Ohio, Texas to North Dakota. Cindy Spencer, director of residence life at the University of North Dakota as of this winter, discussed the need to be visible in students’ lives. “It’s important that students know who I am, not just a title but a real person,” Spencer said, adding that CAs “have the most important job on campus. They need to feel supported, they

need to feel listened to. Because they’re there for the students, I expect myself and my staff to be there for them.”

Jill Engel-Hellman, the final candidate, who currently works in Denison University’s provost’s office, echoed the need to build relationships with CAs — not only to support them, but also to gauge the student body’s opinions.

“I’m going to function with as much transparency as possible and make sure that I base decisions on the needs and wants of as many students on campus as possible,” Engel-Hellman said. “To do that, I think it’s first important to get to know all of the CAs. I worked at the University of Maryland for almost four years, and I would meet with the RAs [resident advisers] every year one-on-one.”

Key to building relationships with student staff, as well as the student population more broadly, according to Posener, is maintaining an open mind. “When you’re talking about students who may be upset about something,” he said, “the first step you need is to be available to them and listen to what they have to say.”

Second wave of stomach virus quickly guts campus

EMILY SAKAMOTO
ARTS EDITOR

April showers bring May flowers and also apparently a second wave of gastroenteritis.

According to the Health Center, the virus has hit campus hard over the past few days, with students falling victim to symptoms, including quick and intense onset of vomiting and nausea, as well as standard flu-like indications such as body chills, fever and aching.

“Most people will recover completely in 24 to 48 hours,” Health Center Director Kim Cullers wrote in an email. “I am not overly concerned, mainly because people who get viral gastroenteritis almost always recover completely without any long-term problems.”

Tory Bruch ’14 is a track and field athlete whose onset of symptoms was ill-timed for an

away meet last weekend.

“It comes on really quickly,” Bruch said. “And it’s definitely not just a 24-hour thing.”

Students who have experienced the virus have expressed concerns surrounding health policies and class attendance.

Hannah Laub ’16 succumbed to both sweeps of the virus and expressed her personal anxieties on missing class.

“I was really worried about some of my professors’ policies on attendance. I really wanted to stay in bed, but I didn’t feel like I could,” Laub said.

Spread through both direct and indirect contact with infected persons, the virus also runs the risk of being transferred through the consumption of contaminated food and drink.

“I’m pretty worried because we shared the garlic sauce for our cheesy bread last night,”

joked Jinexa Nunez ’16, whose roommate recently came down with the virus. Nunez’s qualms are not to be taken lightly, however, as symptoms usually follow one-to-two days after contact with the virus.

One student’s experiences with the virus hindered his academic capabilities.

“I felt really weak and tired ... all of which greatly affected my ability to concentrate. I did terribly on my exam because of it,” Adam Brill ’17 said. “Socially, I was bedridden for a day.”

The Health Center is urging students who begin to feel ill to not subject other students to possible contamination by avoiding public spaces including class and Peirce Hall. Cullers believes the worst is behind us, and that this past weekend was the peak in cases of gastroenteritis on campus.

Conference brings experts and scholars to talk inequality

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profits and generational mobility, Holtz-Eakin presented graphs showing the evolution of the income distribution in the U.S. and stressed the importance of choosing the right measurements in assessing historical income trends.

For example, when the trend lines were based on after-tax income — which included the value of government benefits that people received — income inequality looked less substantial.

While he acknowledged the existence of worrisome economic inequality, Holtz-Eakin, who served as an adviser to Senator John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign, argued the solution to this problem was to close what he described as a skills gap, rather than to expand most government welfare programs.

"It is about work," Holtz-Eakin said of American economic inequality. "It's about jobs." He suggested improving job training for laid-off workers and expanding early childhood education, which he called a fundamental determinant of a person's future success.

"We ought to be entitling our kids," he said, referring to what he saw as misdirected federal entitlement programs. "We entitle people in old age ... I want to entitle them and give them the cash at birth."

One of Holtz-Eakin's most contentious arguments during the talk was that raising the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour, as President Barack Obama has proposed, would do serious damage to the economy.

Holtz-Eakin cited a Feb. 18 report by the CBO finding such a raise would cost the U.S. economy 500,000 jobs. He did not mention that the report also found a raise to \$10.10 would simultaneously lift 900,000 Americans out of poverty.

Associate Professor of Religious Studies Ennis Edmonds pointed out that fact in the question-and-answer portion of the talk, but Holtz-Eakin did not respond to it.

Instead, he argued the design of the minimum wage was unsuited to address poverty in the U.S.

As an example, he said raising the wage for fast-food workers would lead to an increase in food prices at fast-food restaurants, which are disproportionately frequented by low-income Americans.

However, Holtz-Eakin praised the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), calling it "the best anti-poverty program we have." The EITC offers tax credits for working Americans based on their income and the number of children they have.

Another theme in Holtz-Eakin's talk was the political debate surrounding the



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Douglas Holtz-Eakin, former director of the Congressional Budget Office, speaks to President Decatur at CSAD.

wealthiest Americans.

"All that's happened in the United States is we have more rich people," he said. "Which raises the question, how many rich people should we have?" He then approached the question another way — does the simple fact that we have more rich people do active harm to society?

While he acknowledged the possibility that rich Americans would attempt to

unduly influence the political process, he claimed this was not happening at the moment. The rich, he said, are not uniform in their values.

"I'm less convinced than most that money automatically translates into the results [big donors] want," he said.

Holtz-Eakin emphasized the need for "core reforms that change the structure of the government and allow us

to build an equity between the present and the future," saying inequality between generations was a more pressing problem than inequality between income groups at any given time.

Referring to Medicare, Medicaid and other programs he described as propelling the federal debt, Holtz-Eakin said, "We are letting these large programs of the past crush our economic future."

PIEING THE PRESIDENT



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President Sean Decatur took one for the team as part of a Relay for Life fundraiser.

CORRECTIONS

Last issue, Celia Cullom '15 was not credited for compiling "Class Clash."

In last week's article "Quam's genre-spanning senior thesis delights crowd" (April 3, 2014), several facts were misstated. Will Quam '14 did not complete a senior thesis in music; rather, he presented a senior recital that is optional, not required, for music minors. Additionally, the song "C'est Moi" from the musical *Camelot* is sung by the character of Lancelot, not King Arthur.

Last week's article "Kenyon Farm singed by fire" (April 3, 2014) stated that there are four residents of the farm. There are five.

The *Collegian* regrets these errors.

Though the series may be over, Harry Potter Day soldiers on

PHOEBE CARTER
STAFF WRITER

Jalon Eason '17 was not expecting anything unusual when he sat down to take his chemistry midterm in Tomsich Hall 101 on Friday, April 4. Then Dobby the house elf sat down behind him.

"Dobby stayed through the entire midterm," Eason said.

"Dobby" was Elizabeth Abrash '17, who donned the mask in honor of *Harry Potter* Day, an annual event hosted by the Office of Housing and Residential Life.

The celebrations kicked off with a scavenger hunt and games for kids at the Bookstore. Kathryn Krinsman '14, one of the organizers of the event, said the day is an important outreach event in a growing effort to involve the community.

The evening saw a costume contest and *Harry Potter* trivia in Peirce Pub, but the big event was President Sean Decatur's appearance as Dumbledore to present the *Harry Potter* Awards. The awards were given to professors and staff whom students voted

best embodied professors and staff of J. K. Rowling's Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Decatur was excited about being Dumbledore for the night, according to Krinsman. When asked if he would present the awards, Krinsman said Decatur responded with, "Yes. Can I go on the balcony? Can I wear my robes?"

Abrash, whose dream is to be a professor specializing in *Harry Potter*, said she was disappointed Decatur's Dumbledore did not have a beard. "I actually think he's worn that outfit before, and not as Dumbledore," she said of Decatur, who appeared in his academic robes. "But I appreciated his dedication to *Harry Potter*."

Associate Professor of English Ivonne García received the Minerva McGonagall Award, Ed Welker of AVI received the Rubeus Hagrid Award and the Pomona Sprout Award went to Jennifer Smith, lead instructor and director of introductory labs in biology. Decatur himself was aptly presented with the Albus

Dumbledore Award.

The festivities came to a close with Yule Ball at the Village Inn (VI), which was supposed to feature Kenyon student rap group Special Dogs. President of Special Dogs Evan More '15 said they had to cancel the show because no sound equipment was set up when they arrived to perform. Neither Krinsman nor Andrea Kelley, assistant director of Housing and Residential Life, knew why the music fell through. "I know that our committee worked very hard to verify and confirm everything with them," Kelley said. "But I hope that everyone who attended the VI still enjoyed their Butterbeer and had a good time."

The event's intention was, in part, to raise money for Relay for Life, with the VI donating for every person who showed up in costume. Krinsman thought the band falling through affected the event's attendance, as no money was donated that night. They did raised \$89 for Relay with the House Penny Wars, which ran last week in Peirce.

FEATURES

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QUICK COMPLIMENTS



"Thank you to the warm sunshine on the track."

-Aisha Simon '15

"To everyone who has had the infectus, I am so sorry and I hope you have all survived and are getting better."

-Mollie O'Leary '17

"Mollie O'Leary is the sweetest, most beautiful, funniest, sugar plum fairy in the Land of Oz. I would trust her with my life. I recommend you do too."

-Sarah Nourie '17

More than Fulbrights: Kenyon steps up scholarship game

MANJUL BHUSAL SHARMA
STAFF WRITER

Imagine spending an approximate total of \$235,560 for four years of room, board and tuition at Kenyon and then receiving a \$300,000 graduate school scholarship from this Kenyon investment. No imagination is necessary for Shrochis Karki '09 from Kathmandu, Nepal. Karki won the esteemed Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship during his senior year at Kenyon, and is now using the prize for his fifth year of studies at Oxford University.

The scholarship offers \$50,000 a year for up to six years of graduate school in any discipline anywhere in the world, giving it a total value of up to \$300,000.

"I doubt there is any other scholarship that is so comprehensive and yet so liberating, so I was extremely excited when Kenyon nominated me to apply for the fellowship," Karki said.

Winning such a scholarship, however, is all about starting early, and that is where Director of National Fellowships and Scholarships Jane Martindell comes in. Every year Martindell's office invites the top students of each sophomore class to Cromwell Cottage where the president, Martindell and the College's liaisons for certain national scholarships discuss how to apply for prestigious scholarships to supplement students' years after Kenyon.

Such opportunities include the Rhodes, Marshall, Goldwater and

Fulbright Scholarships among others.

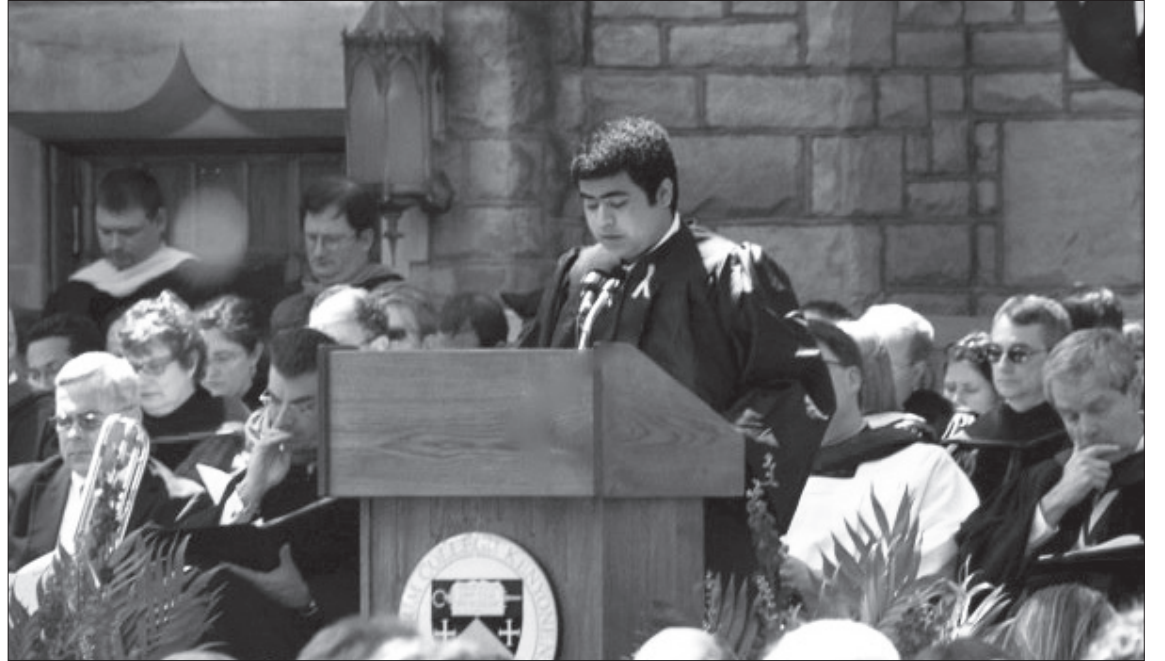
All sophomores with a 3.75 GPA or above are invited to the gathering. This is the only program the Office of National Fellowships and Scholarships runs that is based on GPA. This year, the event will be held on April 14.

"This program started several years ago. The general info meetings weren't getting many students. So, we thought if we invited them to a reception that would be better," Martindell said.

But the general scholarship info meetings have not gone away and, in fact, Martindell claims the turnout at this year's info sessions has been the highest ever. Martindell has organized four Common Hour sessions, which focus on two to five scholarships or fellowships per session.

A double major with honors, as well as the first non-American to be elected president of Student Council, Karki believes luck played a huge part in receiving his award.

"In terms of Kenyon's role, I was one of two nominees from the College, and I received tremendous support throughout the application process. I remember Professors [of History] Wendy Singer and [of Political Science] Pamela Jensen, as well as [former Director of New Student Orientation and Community Programs] Erin Ciarimboli and [then] Dean [of Academic Advising and Support] Martindell supporting me very closely, and I would never have received



COURTESY OF SHROCHIS KARKI

Shrochis Karki '09 delivers a speech at his graduation before heading off to Oxford University on a scholarship.

this award without their support."

Kenyon students receiving these prestigious fellowships help improve Kenyon's visibility. It helps the Office of Admissions to boast about being a top-10 producer of Fulbright scholars. However, Martindell says this is not the motivation behind her work. Her motivation is simply to help students.

According to Martindell, around 30 to 50 students apply for Fulbright scholarships every year, and around 10 to 15 applications from Kenyon get forwarded to the host country in the second round. The highest total Kenyon received in a single year was 11. "We are doing pretty well com-

pared to other colleges [of] our size," she said.

The feedback from students who have won scholarships has been incredible. Most of them say the awards changed their lives, and that the scholarships continue to be an active part of their lives since most of these fellowships have an alumni group.

"My goal is to get many people going through the process," Martindell said. Applying to these scholarships also allows students to practice important skills such as interviews and reviews.

To achieve her goal of encouraging more Kenyon students to apply for these scholarships, Martindell has

resorted to social media. She has also gone to faculty meetings to emphasize fellowships.

The Office's efforts have not gone in vain. Anna Bammerlin '14 found out the second week of Spring Break that she received a position as a fellow for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellows Program for Japan Studies. This makes Bammerlin the first Kenyon student to become a Carnegie fellow.

"My advice to current students would be to pursue your passions not for the scholarships but for their own sake, and if you are true to yourself, these opportunities are bound to follow," Karki said.

Successes and challenges occur six miles away at MVHS

EMMA WELSH-HUGGINS
FEATURES ASSISTANT

This past Halloween, like in the years before it, a popular costume was "townie."

Clad in either hunter orange or camo print, purchased from the clearance rack at Walmart, students found it an easy go-to theme for a quick laugh at the expense of the surrounding Knox County community.

Generalizations about Mount Vernon and its inhabitants are common — comments and jabs that quickly turn into negative stereotypes. As Mount Vernon High School (MVHS) graduate Rhiannon Suggs '15 was quick to say, "I feel like a lot of people at Kenyon unfortunately have the view that people in Mount Vernon are not that smart." The underlying thought is that for those privileged enough to attend an elite school like Kenyon, Mount Vernon's starkly different school system is first to come under attack.

"Having the public school experience, I don't know, it kind of prepares you for the real world more than anything — even more than Kenyon, I'd argue."

Rhiannon Suggs '15

In a conversations with two MVHS guidance counselors, a picture began to emerge of a well intentioned system working hard to overcome the varying socio-economic hurdles faced by the community.

The median household income in Knox County is \$49,323, lower than the \$53,046 national five-year median, and 14.6-percent of residents fall below the poverty line. With numbers like these, the school system faces a serious problem accessing and allocating enough resources for students. According to the state-issued report card for Mount Vernon schools, "Mount Vernon City is among 20-percent of public districts with the lowest operating expenditures per pupil."

As Guidance Counselor Mryna Kennerly explained,

there are three counselors for approximately 1,200 students at MVHS. "We do career [advice], the scheduling, we kind of do everything," she said. Counselors conduct personality assessments for possible careers, provide college application resources for juniors and seniors and use social media and other outlets to remind students of upcoming deadlines.

For the most part, these efforts pay off.

Sixty-five percent of last year's graduating class enrolled in a four-year college or university, while 27-percent went to two-year technical schools. "And the other group," Kennerly gently joked, "I hope they're working. We hope they're being productive citizens of Mount Vernon." She emphasized that the high

school's ACT and SAT average scores have long stayed above the national average — in a tone that suggested she was more than used to combating a stereotype of lesser academics.

But a slightly different social perspective begins to emerge when former MVHS students now at Kenyon are asked about their experiences at MVHS. Avery Baldwin '17 and Suggs both attended the public school and left with opinions ranging from relief to a kind of buyer's remorse.

"Having the public school experience, I don't know, it kind of prepares you for the real world more than anything else — even more than Kenyon, I'd argue," Suggs shared.

In turn, Baldwin, who attended MVHS for one year before transferring to a private

boarding school, commented on the failed school system tax levies that are now harming current students' high school experiences, with pay-to-play athletics that many students cannot afford, and sharply reduced of extracurricular activities. Baldwin added that there seems to be an almost tangible understanding among the community that students will not venture far for college.

Places like the University of Findlay, The Ohio State University at Newark and Mount Vernon Nazarene University are the most common choices for graduating seniors.

Michael Hayes '14 has spent most of his life in Gambier and attended MVHS. He explained in an email that living in Gambier, in such close proximity to Kenyon College, definitely affected his experience at MVHS. His neighbors were Kenyon professors and he grew up with Kenyon graduates as friends before he even applied.

Hayes noted that some of the MVHS students "idealized this place [Kenyon] because of how beautiful the campus is. There were other students who thought that Kenyon was only for rich kids from big cities."

Kenyon is economically out of reach for a majority of students, and Suggs explained yet another common stigma: "Because a lot of the kids who go to Mount Vernon can't afford it, it's kind of not even talked about."

Although not all Kenyon students come from economically privileged backgrounds, the educational experience at Kenyon speaks to a different kind of intellectual privilege that many MVHS students may never have. As a small and isolated community, those on the Hill are at times unaware of the community right next door.

MVHS lies less than six miles away from campus, how many would be able to find it as easily as they do Walmart?

“Gluten freaks”: students are following more than a fad diet

With gluten allergies and gluten-free diet choices on the rise, Peirce Dining Hall and AVI are embracing a wheat-free menu.

CORA MARKOWITZ
PHOTO EDITOR

It’s not easy being gluten-free. But at Kenyon, it’s not hard to make it work. Peirce Dining Hall does its best to accommodate the needs of students who do not or cannot eat gluten, those who avoid it to eat more healthily and students with celiac disease who cannot be exposed to gluten at all. Their bodies are unable to break down wheat, barley and rye.

AVI manager Michael Hogancamp explained that Peirce has had a section for gluten-free options for about three years. “Food-preparation wise, it’s something we always think about. If this isn’t gluten-free, then what can I do to make it gluten-free, is it possible to make this gluten-free for someone so they can have it?”

For the uninitiated, Joia Felton ’17 explains, “Being gluten free means that you don’t eat products that contain wheat. If you’re like me and you have a gluten intolerance, than you mostly have to stay away from eating large portions of it.” Felton further explained that people who have a more serious condition could react to food that has simply touched flour.

For students with a gluten intolerance, eating foods that contain gluten can cause headaches, migraines and fatigue, among other symptoms. Felton couldn’t figure out why she was suffering from health problems until she tried cutting gluten out of her diet.

“My grades went up, I was able to sleep better — everything about me improved,” she said. Students who react adversely to gluten can have a range of conditions, from a minor intolerance to the much more serious celiac disease, a digestive disease that damages the lining of the small intestine. “It just kind of triggered one day; I just started getting really sick immediately after every meal,” Jack Clayton ’17 said.

Sarah Naguib ’17 found out she had celiac disease in 11th grade. “I went through a lot of testing,” she said. “No one knew what it was, and then I came home from school one day and my mom was like, ‘Oh, we got the test results, you have celiac.’” Naguib’s mother explained the foods she could no longer eat and Naguib adjusted her diet.

The transition from home to Kenyon meant



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Sarah Naguib ’17 weighs her meal options at Peirce’s gluten-free shelf. The section offers everything from ice cream to cereal.

adapting to whatever Peirce offers up every day, which can be unpredictable. When Peirce is in a gluten-free slump, it’s hard on students to watch their friends feasting on pizza and cookies every day while they’re left attempting to defrost gluten-free bread that’s formed into an impenetrable block in the freezer.

But most of the time, students find that Peirce does try to have a gluten-free option or two to make sure all students — no matter their diet — can find something to eat. “It’s actually pretty good here at Kenyon,” Clayton said. “The best thing that they do is

have everything labeled.” Naguib also praised Peirce, saying, “I can always go up to the AVI workers and they can make me gluten-free pizza.”

Clayton pointed out that the vegetarian section is a good place to look for gluten-free options because many dishes there are naturally gluten free.

“One of my favorite gluten-free foods — I’ve only had this one time, but it was so good — is Kung Pao chicken, and they made it for me, and it was ready so quickly and I was over the moon,” Felton said.

Most people tend to be considerate when they find

out a friend doesn’t eat gluten, even if they don’t quite get it. Clayton said his friends like to call him a “gluten freak” — jokingly, of course.

But others believe eating gluten free is just a new fad diet, not considering that for people with celiac disease or gluten intolerance, it’s a necessity — not a choice. “A lot of people take it as a diet, when it’s really not. It’s something that people have to do to be able to eat,” Felton said.

Luckily, there are enough gluten-free students at Kenyon that they don’t feel like the only ones missing out on Peirce’s finer

offerings. According to National Public Radio, celiac disease diagnoses have doubled in the past 20 years, so it’s not surprising that more and more students come to Kenyon looking for gluten-free options. “The Kenyon gluten-free community is surprisingly larger than most people would expect,” Clayton said.

Naguib has met other gluten-free students while standing in line at the fridge in Peirce. “We just say hi to each other even though I know nothing about them, except for the fact that they have celiac or that they’re eating gluten-free. It’s a bond,” he said.

CLASS CLASH

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	Answer	Senior Class Total: 37	Junior Class Total: 42	Sophomore Class Total: 33	First-Year Class Total: 40
		Rebecca Frisch '14	Olivia Grabar Sage '15	Cait Coates '16	Matt Stapylton '17
What year was Shock Your Mom most recently mentioned in <i>Playboy</i> ?	2005	Why would I know that?	2003	2005	2003
Who played in the NCAA basketball championship game ?	<i>The University of Connecticut and the University of Kentucky</i>	UConn and Wisconsin	U Michigan and Duke	Connecticut and Kentucky	I don't watch sports.
Name a college that has graduated two U.S. presidents and a Super Bowl winning quarterback.	<i>University of Michigan, Stanford University, U.S. Naval Academy, Miami University</i>	Yale	U Michigan	Stanford	U Michigan
According to the Chinese zodiac, 2014 is the year of what animal?	<i>Horse</i>	Rabbit	Rooster	Dragon	Sheep
	Weekly Scores	0	1	3	1

Putting a Price on Kenyon

No one disputes Kenyon is expensive, and college tuition is rising around the country. Here's why.

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income, gifts, auxiliary income (like Bookstore sales and visiting summer camps) and miscellaneous pools (temporary earnings from short-term investments).

"Students are paying roughly 77 percent of the cost [of running the College]," Burson said. "But we really need \$125 million to do what we do, and so

that Kenyon spends about two-thirds of its budget on students.

The Kenyon budget also goes toward expenses related to housing and meals, buildings and renovations, information services — like computers — and cash reserves. A few of the factors in the considerable cost of tuition, according to Burson, are Kenyon's commitment to sustainability and local food and a 9.5:1 student-faculty

because that's all [the meal budget per person of] seven dollars got you at IHOP. After you've run a race, that's not enough food."

Dean of Students Hank Toutain, meanwhile, cited the presence of College-subsidized amenities as a kind of discount. "The Faculty Lectureships Committee brings so-and-so to campus, everybody goes and [community members] don't pay a dime," Toutain said. "Sometimes it's a considerable amount of money. ... Increasingly, I think [the College is asking]: can we measure, can we assess, can we tell how valuable something is ... because if it isn't working, we should stop doing it."

Tuition has increased \$2,080 from last year alone. In fact, according to Burson, there has never in Kenyon history been a decrease in the cost of tuition from one year to the next. While this is not unusual, ways do exist to bring down the cost of tuition, or at least slow the annual increase.

Iowa's Grinnell College, for example, expanded its endowment to \$1.55 billion through strategic stock market moves. Tuition at Grinnell was \$56,920

for 2013-14, but 89 percent of the student body received need-based financial aid, as opposed to about 42 percent of Kenyon students who receive aid.

Klesner, Daugherty and Burson all pointed to Kenyon's relatively small endowment — \$184.8 million dollars — as a major weakness. "We really need to build [Kenyon's] endowment, because the bigger the endowment the more

payoff from the endowment, the more support to the operating budget, the less you have to charge students," Burson said, predicting that the endowment issue is one students will continue hearing about long after they graduate. For the foreseeable future, Kenyon will remain more dependant on yearly revenue than dividends from the endowment.

Taking Kenyon's cost into account, students must decide whether investing in Kenyon is worth it. For Daniel Akuma '14, it definitely has been. "They say no good thing comes easy," Akuma said. "If I got it all for

But some think that money could be better spent, or at least better distributed. Brandy Arredondo '14, an anthropology major, described the department as "deprived." "We don't have a ramp for [the] handicapped," Arredondo said of Palme House. "So no one who can't climb up stairs can do anthropology classes."

During her three years on the track and cross country teams, Arredondo noticed similar shortfalls. "It was really frustrating where the money was going," she said. "There were points where all we could afford was an egg and coffee,

"Can we tell how valuable something is?"

Hank Toutain, Dean of Students

if we didn't get money from any of these other five sources and charged students for everything, we'd be billing them \$73,720. ... These other sources of revenue are what hold that down for students."

For some, cost is the first thing that draws their eye when applying to college, but not always in a bad way.

"Even though [the University of California] is a public school and I'm a resident of California, it's cheaper for me to go here," said Katie Low '16, citing her sizable financial aid package. "Financially and in terms of the institution, it's a better deal for me."

Eighty percent of Kenyon's financial aid budget goes to need-based financial aid and the other 20 percent goes to merit aid. "It's almost like shooting at a moving target, if you will," Director of Financial Aid Craig Daugherty said, describing budgeting as a "very complex question."

"It's not an exact science. ... There's so much flexibility, there's so much potential for movement, and all families have different income levels and different need levels," he added.

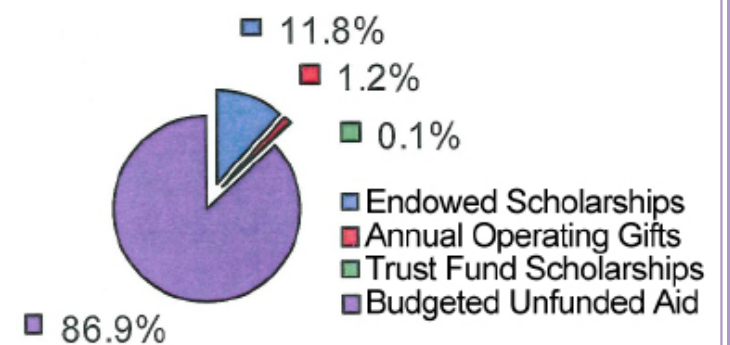
Tuition from every student, those paying in full and those receiving some kind of aid, is collected together and distributed among four main budget areas: instructional support, academic support, student services and financial aid. "The key here that I always try to emphasize is you want to be spending most of your money on things that directly impact the students," Burson said, calculating



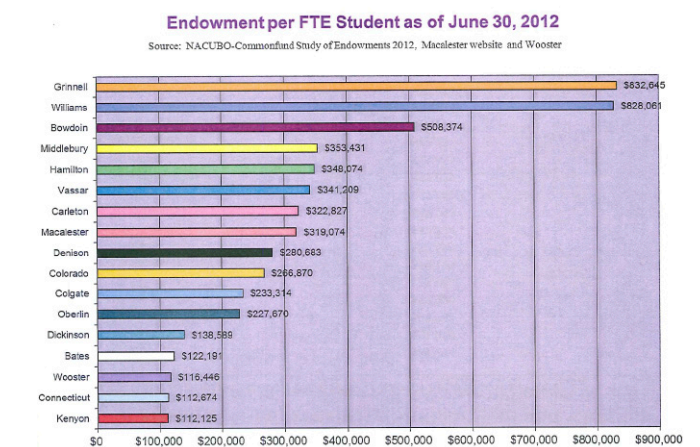
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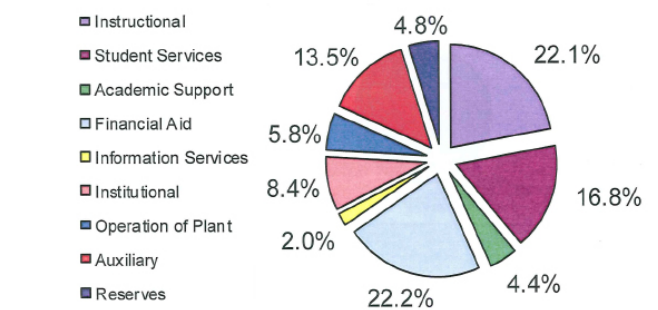
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Budgeted expenses by function:



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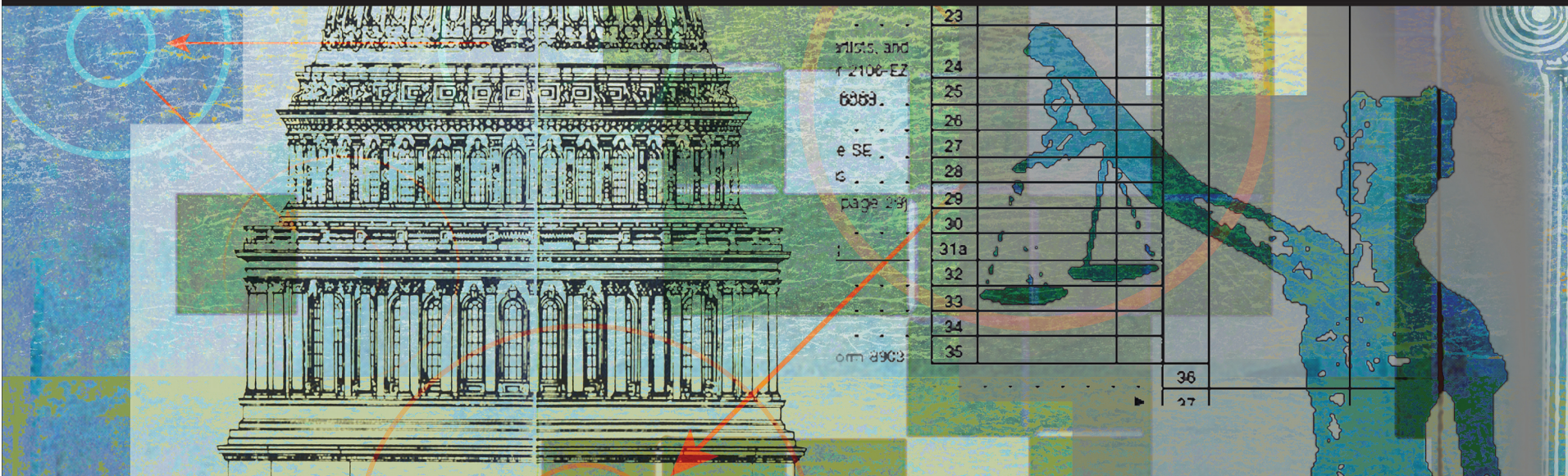
free that would be great, my parents would love it, but I don't know if I would appreciate this education as much as I do right now."

Arredondo considers the investment worthwhile, but said she wishes that the new summer scholars program for social sciences had been created earlier. "I think I get the most out of what I paid for," Arredondo said. "But it's clear that other people might not have. I lucked out, and that's just how it happens."

Burson described the "Kenyon experience" as, in a sense, unquantifiable. "When you meet your faculty member in the evening walking down Mid-

dle Path and you have an hour impromptu discussion ... those are things that just don't happen in many other colleges," Burson said. "I don't want to say they're priceless, but there's a value to that."

The College's favorable position in the market also contributes to the quality of the product it offers. "[A discount] certainly exists because of the overall financial model that we're working with," Toutain said. "There's a discount for everybody. I think maybe another question or a different question is, how valuable are certain things? And maybe that's a question that would be worth asking across the board."



The Politics of Economic Inequality

Biennial Conference of the Center for the Study of American Democracy

Wednesday, April 9-Friday, April 11

Wednesday, April 9

7:30 P.M. / OPENING ADDRESS: INEQUALITY AND AMERICA

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, formerly of the Congressional Budget Office
Introduced by Sean Decatur, President of Kenyon College
7:30 p.m. in Rosse Hall

Thursday, April 10

9:15 A.M. / PANEL: PUBLIC POLICY AND INEQUALITY

William Galston, Brookings Institution
Suzy Khimm, MSNBC
Ross Eisenbrey, Economic Policy Institute
Scott Winship, Manhattan Institute
Moderated by David Rowe, professor of political science
Community Foundation Theater, Gund Gallery

11:10 A.M. / INEQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Robert Putnam, Harvard University
Introduced by Max Rappoport '14
Rosse Hall

1:15 P.M. / PANEL: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON INEQUALITY

Branko Milanovic, City University of New York
Charles Horner, Hudson Institute
Ben White '94, Politico
Moderated by Jan Thomas, associate provost and professor of sociology
Community Foundation Theater, Gund Gallery

2:40 P.M. / PANEL: PUBLIC NARRATIVES ABOUT INEQUALITY

Ross Douthat, New York Times
Jim Tankersley, Washington Post
Lizzie O'Leary, Marketplace
Moderated by Jay Corrigan, professor of economics
Community Foundation Theater, Gund Gallery

4:00 P.M. / PUBLIC RECEPTION

Gund Gallery Atrium

7:30 P.M. / INEQUALITY AND THE MARKET

Austan Goolsbee, University of Chicago's Booth School of Business
Introduced by Eleanor Ritchie '14
Rosse Hall

Friday, April 11

9:00 A.M. / CAPITALISM AND THE MARKET

Amity Shlaes, Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation
John Tomasi, Brown University
Moderated by Sheryl Hemkin, associate professor of chemistry
Community Foundation Theater, Gund Gallery

10:30 A.M. / HEALTH CARE AND INEQUALITY

Greg Moody, Director of Health Transformation, State of Ohio
Introduced by Devon Beeny '15
Community Foundation Theater, Gund Gallery

11:30 A.M. / RISING INEQUALITY: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Neera Tanden, President, Center for American Progress
Introduced by Jon Green '14
Community Foundation Theater, Gund Gallery

OPINIONS

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STAFF EDITORIAL

ResLife: open NCAs to all

It's time for a change with the North Campus Apartments (NCAs). All other housing on campus is open to all students regardless of academic standing or number of infractions. So why are the NCAs still not available to the entire student body? Even though the NCA application process dropped the GPA requirement, the Office of Housing and Residential Life still has the authority to decide who is eligible for an NCA based on his or her past infractions. The application process requires students to scramble to find a group of four or eight students to collaborate in answering three questions in an effort to prove why they are "worthy."

Why is an application necessary? Why does ResLife feel that NCAs are not ready to be open to any student? This is the first year the Morgan Apartments are offered in the general lottery, without the GPA requirement. Students may have to wait years, like they waited for the Morgans, until the NCAs become open to everyone.

The NCAs seem relatively untouched compared to the rest of campus housing. Yet, they have already seen better days, regardless of the present student standards for living in them. Even if the NCAs were still pristine, they were built for the purpose of providing housing to students, so why shouldn't all students be able to enjoy them? After all, this is a college campus, and there's no such thing as a pristine college apartment. No matter whom ResLife chooses to be eligible for an NCA, the new houses will still endure the wear and tear of any other house on campus, and most definitely drunken mishaps.

On another note, if ResLife continues the application process for NCAs, why must the housing process go through the middleman of a lottery when students could be directly assigned NCAs? This would remove the obscure consequence of eligible students in the NCA lottery receiving a number in the regular Housing Lottery.

This NCA issue brings to light only one out of many problems with the Housing Lottery. Because students cannot live off campus, everyone should have full rights to what Kenyon housing has to offer, despite his or her past faults.

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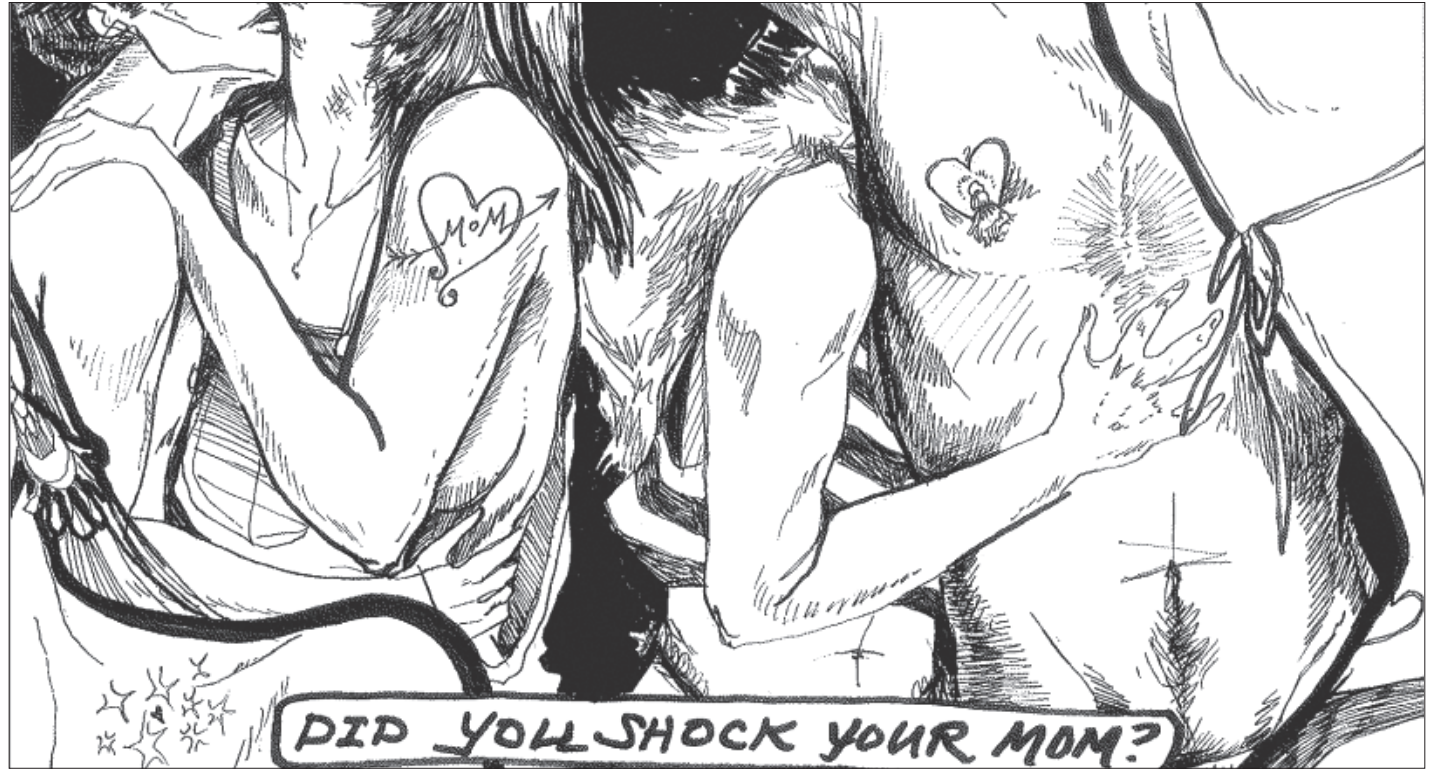


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Online campus elections hurt voter turnout

JONAH ALLON
CONTRIBUTOR

Student Council's continued failure to connect with the student body was thrown into stark relief last week, with the abysmal turnout for student elections indicating what we already knew: people either don't know, don't care, or some combination of both. This is undeniably a problem, but it's not an unresolvable problem. Instead of throwing up our hands in exasperation and bemoaning the decline of student democracy, let's examine the student election system as it currently functions to find areas for potential improvement. Even a cursory glance at the system reveals several shortcomings that we can easily work toward fixing.

The most glaring problem with our election system is its online format. I understand the rationale behind conducting elections online: it requires little manpower to facilitate, it's easier and more efficient to tally votes, and its easy-to-use format appeals to busybodies and lazy people alike. That's all fine. But frankly, voting in an election is more than a chore, something you knock out while website-

browsing. It's a dignifying civic duty. Notice the way people carry themselves after casting their vote in a national, or even municipal, election. They are invigorated with a sense of pride, having participated in and contributed to something larger than themselves.

It's hardly any wonder, then, that people are willing to wait on line for hours to vote in a presidential election (though I'd like to emphasize for the record that I by no means condone long voting lines in any type of election). Call me cynical, but I don't exactly feel the same surge of civic pride after clicking a few names and hitting "Submit." If we are serious about driving up voter turnout, we'll abandon the OrgSync elections and hold old-fashioned paper elections, with votes that can be counted by hand.

At the very least, those in charge of student elections could provide us with more information about the candidates. Ignorance, in my opinion, is the primary source of apathy. Ignorance, of course, can also breed toxic participation. That makes our interests in disseminating better information about can-

didates twofold. Moreover, it's just common sense. How am I supposed to make an informed decision about my elected officials if I don't know where they stand on issues that are important to me?

I recognize, by the way, that the emails encouraging people to vote included letters of intent for each candidate. These were informative to a degree, but I was hard-pressed to find a single substantive idea in any of those forms — things candidates intended on achieving if elected to their desired positions.

That's not their fault; they simply weren't prompted correctly. I'm not suggesting that candidates develop comprehensive platforms. But in order to encourage informed voting, they ought to at least have a few ideas to present to the community.

On the topic of idea presentation, wouldn't a student electorate be much more compelled to vote by public addresses than Google Drive forms? Public speaking abilities should not by any means be a barrier to holding elected office at Kenyon, especially if you have strong ideas. But in the annual cycle of college governance, public

appearances are most crucial during the election period. For a council struggling to improve its outreach to the general student body, early public announcements of the efforts each member plans to undertake during their tenure in office should seem like a no-brainer.

As a member of student government, it's easy to look at a low election turnout and absolve yourself of any responsibility for it. It's voter apathy, it's the way this campus is, it's something outside the scope of our control. But this is an ugly impulse, and it only leads us into a perpetual cycle of frustration.

Instead of resigning ourselves to something that we have incorrectly deemed inevitable, let's take positive steps toward making our election system a better, more appealing process. This starts with the esteem in which we hold ourselves. If student government wants the student body to take it seriously, it needs to start by taking itself seriously.

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Kenyon Farm embodies true spirit of Ohio rural life

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We at the Kenyon Farm were sorry to see that it took such an accidental misfortune to get some attention from folks up on the Hill. We feel as though the article published last week in the *Collegian* ["Kenyon Farm singed by fire," April 3, 2014] made a representation of events that was not fair to us as an institution or as student farmers.

Apart from the article's various factual errors, we are most concerned with how this might damage the connections we are trying to establish with the wider Kenyon community as one of its newest programs.

As we figure out what the Farm means as a shared and open space for students and what sort of role it will have within the community, poor representation of our character can only limit the bridges we can build in the future.

By characterizing us as miscreants, an injustice was done to us and to the rest of the Kenyon community who now have a marred perception of what we have to offer.

I think it ought to be made clear that the Kenyon Farm embodies the liberal arts tradition in a deeper way than many of the other facets of life on the Hill can claim to.

Agriculture can teach us about soil, plants and animals while drawing attention to the biological, social and metaphysical questions that we would not otherwise ask.

For instance, this Saturday

a handful of us took our turkeys to an Amish man's farm to be butchered. After sharing a meal and conversation together with him and his family, we watched as he processed the first bird.

Then, under his guidance, we each butchered one in turn. The rest of the afternoon he showed us his turkey operation, took buggy rides and tried some of his family's favorite pies.

On the way back home, we discussed the history of the Anabaptist tradition as we looked over some of the religious pamphlets his wife had given us. Not only do we have a freezer full of turkey meat and a great story but also the knowledge and ability to take birds that we had raised and produce food.

As someone who eats meat, I think it is important to be willing to deal with the physical, bloody implications of our food choices. So in many ways, we get to live the practical side of much of what we study in our classes, be it biology, history or ethics.

In addition to embodying the liberal arts tradition, the Kenyon Farm also has the potential to create new communities and new points of connection.

We've reached out to farmers, gardeners and beekeepers in Gambier and Knox County who provide us with endless insights into the sorts of skills that we couldn't otherwise learn from a book or online.

Trips to the Danville Live-

stock Auction, the Farmers Co-op and other farms show us a side of Knox County that we wouldn't otherwise see. We are shown what life in Central Ohio means for the people outside of our great Kenyon bubble.

It is important for the Kenyon community to know that our Farm can be a great staging ground for the College's sustainability efforts, and for the exploration of rural life.

But what we need now is energy, creativity and vigor. The Kenyon Farm is not the project of the five of us living here; it is for anyone interested and motivated enough to work this great piece of land.

We are always looking for people to start new projects, give us new ideas or just spend a few hours a week working alongside us. We currently have volunteer work hours Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m.

Last week's article not only puts unnecessary distance between us and the rest of the Kenyon community but also does not do justice to the events surrounding the fire.

I think it should be made known that James Karlin '15, another student farmer, completely defeated the blaze with a fire extinguisher. He is a hero and I believe his great feat deserves thanks.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I want to thank the *Collegian* for bringing me and several other alumni in the news business back to campus last week to share journalism tips and "get-a-job" advice with students. It was a great event, and I am expecting emails from several students who came to talk to me about jobs. I will put them in touch with my network and hope we can be of some help.

It is worth noting that this is the first time since I graduated 25 years ago that I have been invited back to Kenyon to talk to students in an advisory capacity. And this entire event was arranged by students — not by the alumni office, not by the Career Development Office.

The moral of the story is two-fold:

One: if you reach out to alumni in a career field that interests you, they will almost always be happy to talk to you about opportunities and may even have time to come back to Gambier and meet with a group. We've been where you are, and it is an honor and pleasure to be of service to you.

Two: do it yourself. Don't wait for the College to arrange an event for you. You'll be waiting a long, long time.

Good luck, and thanks again.

Paul Singer '88.5
Politics Editor
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Playing the lottery: may the odds be ever in your Farr-vor?

JULIE FRANCE
FEATURES EDITOR

Often compared to *The Hunger Games*, the Housing Lottery is known to be a terrifying experience in which the odds are usually not in your favor. Yet for me, the anxiety takes place much before the one Saturday that defines whether you will go to your P.O. Box three times a year or live in a basement with no light.

The real game starts every February when students start anticipating their housing situation for next year, and by March this turns into panic. Friends break promises of rooming with each other, one friend is always left out and then there is the roommate who assumes he or she will live with his current roommate next year and is thus in for a little surprise.

But there is also the issue of preference, and that was the source of my lottery panic this year. After always getting my last choice for housing the past

“People are penalized for a) their friends preferring to live in different places than them and/or b) not having enough friends.”

three years — Gund, Mather and now Old Kenyon — I was excited for the prospect of living in a woodsy Taft Apartment.

Yet almost all of my friends wanted to live in NCAs next year. I found that to be understandable, considering they are brand new, spacious and just stunning. However, my preferences differed from my friends because convenience was key to me; I wanted to have the apartment experience with friends, too, but live in a hip-looking cottage. Not much to ask when you have suffered Gund, Mather and Old Kenyon, right?

Finding two other friends to live with was not a problem. But searching for a fourth apartment mate was like a quest for the Holy Grail. Every time my two future apartment mates and I thought we finally found our fourth

apartment mate, our hopes vanished. One of my future apartment mates, a daughter of a professor, even had her dad ask his students if they needed people to live with. The three of us reached out to everyone we knew abroad, sent allstus, posted on Facebook and humiliated ourselves by asking strangers in Peirce to live with us. We could not believe our lack of luck. Who wouldn't want to live in a cozy little Taft?

During the struggle, I reached out to Housing and Residential Life to ask what would happen if we could not find a fourth apartment mate. They told me that I would not be able to live in a Taft.

This answer seemed unfair. Why should someone be denied their dream of living in a Taft if he or she has a good enough lottery number to do so, but just

has not filled all of the spots within the space? This rule is ridiculous in that students are penalized for a) their friends preferring to live in different places than them and/or b) not having enough friends.

ResLife may be wary of allowing empty spots in housing to be filled later by people with worse numbers. Theoretically, this may lead to many cases in which strangers live together and do not get along. However, I doubt this would become a major trend due to the fact that people want to know who will live with them. Yet in rare cases like mine, a policy allowing students to not complete an apartment would have been a saving grace.

The process seems biased in more ways than this, however. ResLife has a system for matching roommates, but it only applies to dorm doubles. Why is this any different with apartment mates?

But these issues of unjust punishment for not finding

enough apartment mates is not the only thing ResLife needs to change. Many more questions come to mind about this housing process.

Though I am not Greek, why do Greeks lose a lottery point when they live in Division? The loss of a lottery point makes sense for a first-year planning on living in Division. Yet losing a point when jumping from sophomore to junior or junior to senior Division housing seems ridiculous in that they could have lived in those places regardless of being Greek.

The Housing Lottery is full of rules with unfair consequences, and thus calls for a major change. Though we finally found our Holy Grail in the form of a fourth apartment mate, we now await the next question: Is our lottery number even good enough to get a Taft?

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Seniors Retake Gund

The second senior theses exhibition showcases studio art majors' work in the Gund Gallery

VICTORIA UNGVARSKY | PHOTO EDITOR

Short animated films, fantastical photography and wooden furniture dominate the Gund Gallery, which is now showing the second half of the studio art major senior thesis projects. The featured works span all forms of media, from canvas to animal hide to paper. Last week's show included works by Elise Shattuck, Ellie Tomlinson, Sydney Jill Watnick, Sophie Yelowitz, Sam Ebert, Emily Torrey, Sarah Morgan Cohen-Smith, Nicholas Anania, Mary Defer and Bethany Stephens. The newest show is open through April 12.



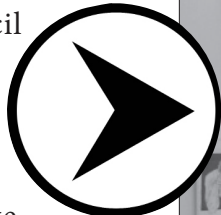
Hidden by Lana Dubin

Three cowhides are chained to the walls. The names of three corporate brands are literally branded into the hides: Crayola, Downy and Domino Sugar, each using parts of the cow to make their products. Fascinated by the way companies have streamlined the process of using animals, Dubin boldly combines the commercial world with the natural world.



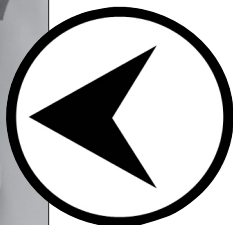
Look at Me by Maren Less

This hybrid of pencil and paint defies the notion that pencil sketches are merely the precursor to art. Blending stark white with blocked color and drawn outlines, Less's series of self portraits challenge the viewer to find the true focal point of her work: the familiar shaded sketches or the painted colored squares that serve as props.



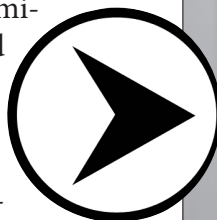
Adrift by Abby Cheney

The four canvasses in Cheney's series are massive bursts of color, a chaos of stained paper. Huge twisted paper edges dominate the pieces, like an inviting window into another world of fantasy. Visitors feel adrift themselves as the pieces draw viewers into the cacophony.



Disorder by Elise Economy

Three larger-than-life sketches dominate the wall, with faces blurred together in a delicate balance of severity and gentleness. The piece reveals a world plagued by uncertainty of undefined edges. Drawing inspiration from her experience with a panic disorder, Economy shows the long, nebulous process of creating something meaningful through hard work.



Eating Meat by **Maddy Donahue**

As both an animal lover and a meat eater, Donahue explores the perception of both using oil and sketches. Her bright, vivid pieces explore how meat is so often seen as gory. However, she highlights how it is so integral to our present world.



Failure in Progress by **Kelsey Rice**

Combining her love of fantasy and photography, Rice created magical scenes to explore self-destruction and relationships. The photographs have a fairy-tale quality to them that descends into dark, harrowing scenes.



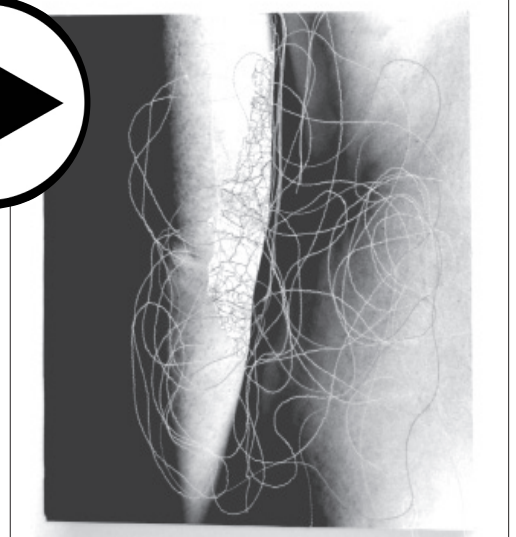
Things Will Smolder Down Beneath by **Hallie Bahn**

A dark room contains three flashing stop-motion movies, each no longer than a minute. Each film features Bahn's scenes of characters experiencing self-doubt. From an old man in his house to a young man at war in the trenches, her animations overwhelm the senses with a somber, self-reflective honesty.



My Biology So Far by **Hanna Washburn**

Washburn's series features small canvases documenting specific sections of her body. Onto each panel, she has sewn colored thread, encircling herself and connecting her fragmented body into one whole.



Tree Throne / Leaf Stool / Pelvis Chair by **Jenna Willett**

Willett's inspiration to design furniture came from her fascination with the human posture. Her series is characterized by physical shapes she appropriates for chairs, such as bones and leaves and tentacles. The shapes infuse natural elements into architecture.



Solutions for Growing Up by **Noah Johnson**

The influences of youth are clear in Johnson's piece. The sculpture features a train track and wooden blocks and cars. Yet these elements of childhood fit into a greater piece to represent the beginnings of adulthood: neutral colors and straight lines.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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LEBANESE CIVIL WAR"
OLIN AUDITORIUMAPRIL 13 | 3 P.M.
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Chasing dreams for 50 years: Chasers reflect on history

Originally formed in 1964 as an all-male group, the Chasers continue their legacy through performances on and off campus.

JULIA WALDOW
DESIGN EDITOR

"I thought that you were gone / But now I know you're with me / You are the voice that whispers all I need to hear." Current and past Chasers sing these words during every concert as part of their traditional closing number *Wanting Memories*. Emphasizing the a cappella group's close-knit ties, the song's message about lasting relationships was especially applicable during their 50th-anniversary concert this past Friday in Rosse Hall.

"I watched the concert from YouTube [on Sunday], and I was laughing and crying and missing [the Chasers]. I'm really proud of what they've done," former Chaser Rachel Max '13 said. "Every single year, the group continues and gets better and changes and evolves ... every single person has so much love and passion and energy for the group."

A select group of College choir singers first formed the Chasers in 1964 to sing at a retirement ceremony for the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Right Reverend Arthur Lichtenberger '23. All-male at the time, the singers originally used instru-

ments and named their group after Philander Chase.

After establishing themselves on campus and nationally, the group became known internationally, eventually performing at the 1967 International and Universal Exposition in Montreal.

"[The Chasers] had a nice, relaxed style, with natural unforced tone and diction," Richard d'Anjou, special events officer of the Canadian fair, said of the Chasers' performance in a 1967 letter.

According to the Chasers' social media director Gabe Brison-Trezise '16, who is also the *Collegian's* special projects director, certain aspects of the Chasers' dynamic have evolved since the group's conception.

"When Kenyon became co-ed [in 1969], they accepted women into the group. They expanded, and at one point, it was about 17 members, which is big even compared to our size now, which is 13 to 15," Brison-Trezise said. "The style of music has changed a lot too. Back then, we would do barber shop, renaissance, madrigals and fraternity songs, and not really the contemporary pop and rock that we stick to now."

Still, touring has remained a much-established component of the group's activities. The week-long, student-run trips that commence during winter break every year are one of the members' favorite ways to bond and celebrate their talents.

"On tour [during] senior year, I cried every day out of happiness because the group was so incredible," Max said. "That's a time during the year when the group really bonds because you spend a week together doing nothing but singing and staying up late. You really get to know each other on a level that you don't really get to do in rehearsal. We spend so much time with each other every day at school, but we don't sleep on the same couch. That really transforms the group every year and builds on our relationships."

The group plans its tour locations around relationships with Kenyon students, families and alumni, according to Co-Music Director Julia Tidona '14.

"Our first hits [on tour] are Kenyon Chaser alums, and then we look to contact Kenyon alums in a city. Also, if we have friends or family who have a coffee shop or know a



COURTESY OF GREENSLADE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES

The 1967 Chasers, above, were in "great demand" and had a "high-spirited presentation," according to a leaflet.

good old folks' home that likes to invite people to sing, [we go there]," Tidona said. "In D.C., there was a bar that two Kenyon alums owned, and we went to sing. It was packed and really fun. There's something different about taking a group outside of the Gambier bubble

and out into the real world."

Chasers continue to connect following their graduation, and alumni stay in touch mostly through social media and email. Every five years, the College hosts reunion events, where Chasers such as Max can "connect with generations

of Chaser alumni whom I had never met before" and continue to feel close to the singers.

"It's great that there is a group of people at Kenyon whom I can always come back to and anyone can always come back," Max said. "You're always a Chaser."

Music theses showcase creativity sans traditional formats

ELANA SPIVACK
STAFF WRITER

An old joke goes, "How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice!" For Kenyon's senior music majors, they have much more to do than simply practice. Senior year leads up to what is arguably the most critical component of students' academic time at Kenyon.

Most music majors propose a project at the end of their junior year, receive feedback and sit with the idea for the summer. By Oct. 1, after more refining, they submit a final proposal, then devote the rest of the year to brainstorming project ideas under the guidance of a Department of Music advisor matched based on the project's focus. A typical project combines a musical recital, a research paper and an oral defense of the student's chosen topic.

Stuart Giles presented his thesis on the reinterpretation of bass clarinet older pieces through an hour-long lecture recital that included musical examples he performed on an array

“What [is] ... the difference between kids on SoundCloud making music, like me, and real producers?”

Mikey Bullister '14

of clarinets.

Mikey Bullister created a five-song album of original electronic pop music. Though the immediate goal is simply to complete all of the requirements, Bullister said he thinks students gain more than just completion of a music degree.

"Because I'm doing it for school, I did try a lot harder. ... I'd be like ... 'What really makes the difference between kids on SoundCloud making music, like me, and real producers who have committed their careers to making music? ... You can obviously tell the difference,'" Bullister said.

Having chosen a less-conventional music genre to study, Bullister's lack of knowledge of the genre and electronic music production forced him to work harder; he approximated that it took around 200 hours to learn the proper production software.

Bullister's project topic also shows how the Department of Music accommodates all sorts of theses. Rhodes Sabangan similarly gleaned a lot from his advisor.

"[Assistant Professor of Music Ross A. Feller] asked me a lot of very valuable questions that directed me specifically [to] ... my goals. ... He made me figure [it] out for myself in a very guiding way, not in a very strict way," Sabangan said.

Advisors understand that students must synthesize their creativity and the information on their own, but also require guidance.

"[Problems] tend to come with the student. We really stand to advise, and the question is, are the students ready to receive that advice? ... It's a matter of how disciplined the student is," Professor of Music Ben Locke said.

While examination of music

and performance often is a significant component of the senior project, Emma Sajsa's research had nothing to do with composition. An aspiring music educator, she has shadowed music teachers in three different elementary schools.

"I feel much more ... educated about what I started to study. It's definitely difficult to have this thing always looming over you that you've been working on the entire year, but to see what comes out of it ... is awesome," Sajsa said.

Bullister agrees that the sheer magnitude of the project creates challenges and fatigue.

"A lot of it was just mental anxiety," he said.

However, once the students pass the anxiety, their strides are visible to themselves and their advisors, according to Buehrer.

"It's rewarding for the student, but this is why I'm here. I love teaching, and I love seeing students being able to reach their goal. ... This is probably the most important thing we do in our department," Buehrer said.

Upcoming Music Theses

Michael Harris – "Music and Video Games," a presentation on Saturday at 1 p.m. in Brandi Recital Hall.

Padraig Duna – "Senior Classical Guitar Recital," a guitar performance on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Brandi Recital Hall.

Max Kalifut – "Senior Voice Recital," a performance featuring work by Brahms, Fauré and Gershwin on Saturday at 5 p.m. in Brandi Recital Hall.

Devon Donohue – "Brahms to Debussy: An evolution of the Romantic String Quartet."

Ultimately, the project allows the student to see his or her full potential, Sabangan remarked.

"It's a re-examination of myself and the role of music in my life. How am I going to be an artist, and is that important to me?" Sabangan said.

SPORTS

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vs WITTENBERG
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Lords fall in double overtime thriller

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Alex Lopez '17, a mid-fielder on the Lords lacrosse team and a victim of the latest stomach virus to hit campus, started his Saturday afternoon vomiting into a toilet. He was carrying a trash can over to his bed and watching an online live stream when he saw his teammates showing signs of giving up a four-goal advantage against Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU). So Lopez got dressed and sped down to McBride Field, arriving on time for the start of the fourth quarter.

As OWU led 8-7 with 2:09 left in regulation, the Lords pushed up field for one final surge. Lopez — whom announcers christened “Mr. Clutch” and was the recipient of last week’s North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Player of the Week honors for his late-game heroics — briefly overcame his illness to smash the ball into the back of the net to level the score at 8-8 and send the game to overtime. Then he vomited again.

Despite Lopez’s guts, the Lords yielded a late double-overtime goal that gave OWU the 9-8 victory in a

game that could have tipped either direction.

Head Coach Doug Misarti lauded the Lords’ resilience, especially down the stretch, but also stood firm by the possibility that his team could have won if the game plan had been followed to perfection.

The Lords fought hard but were prone to some zonal marking lapses and execution issues on offense, a point especially important considering that the film review revealed some weaknesses in the Battling Bishops’ style of play. Misarti praised the Lords’ progression this season, and Lopez echoed Misarti’s words.

“We’ve definitely improved since Spring Break by doing a lot of work outside of practice time,” Lopez said.

Having taken OWU, now 8-2 overall and 3-0 in the NCAC, to double overtime, the Lords can feel pretty good about their chances against tougher competition. The Lords are 4-2 in games decided by one goal so far this season.

“If it’s a close game, if you just get one more shot on cage or one more play executed better, then you are going to win the game,” Lo-



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Ben Grindle-deGraaf '15 caused a turnover versus OWU.

pez said.

At one point, the Lords led the Battling Bishops 7-3 with about 12 minutes left in the third quarter. Caleb Florence '14 had a hat trick, while Zach Arlia '14, Trey Trudell '16, Jack Fraser '15 and Fritz Waine '15 all added one goal apiece to power the Lords offensively. The Battling Bishops roared back to take the lead before Lopez’s heroics kicked in for a third time this season.

“I go out with a basic set of goals before the game and hopefully achieve them, but I am not trying to look for the opportunity [to score the late goal],” Lopez said. “I try

to do my job with the system that the coaches put for us. I’ve been lucky to get clutch goals.”

The Lords faced Denison University, arguably the toughest competition thus far, last night. The Big Red is ranked No. 4 nationally and has a perfect 11-0 record. Despite this, the Lords felt confident they can hang around and snatch victory.

“Anyone can be defeated,” Misarti said before the game.

Unfortunately, the Lords fell to Denison 2-23. They look to find the winning ways again on Saturday when they host Hiram College.

Baseball struggles again, 1-7 in NCAC

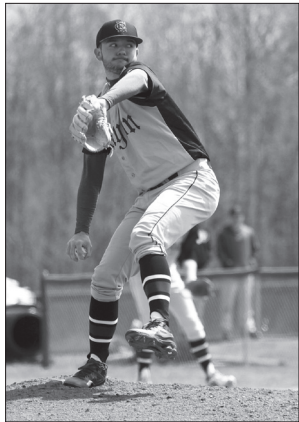
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Looking to get back into the groove after being swept last weekend, the Kenyon baseball team hosted Oberlin College in a pair of double-headers this past Saturday and Sunday. Oberlin won both games on Saturday to start the series, defeating the Lords 11-1 and 10-7.

Kenyon bounced back the next day to earn their first North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) win of the year in walk-off fashion, 2-1, before falling to Oberlin 7-4 in the final game of the series.

After Oberlin took a 3-0 lead into the second inning, Sam Gillespie '16 smacked an RBI double to right field, allowing Co-Captain Nate Lotze '14 to score, bringing the Lords within two. Oberlin kept Kenyon’s bats silent the rest of the game, however, and used a six-run third inning to put the game out of reach for Kenyon, cruising to the 11-1 victory.

Both teams traded runs in



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the first inning of game two, with Tyler Roldan '17 doubling down the right field line to score Co-Captain Jake Dunn '15 from second base. After falling behind 10-1 in the seventh inning, Kenyon roared back with a six-run seventh to get within three, but Oberlin held on for a 10-7 victory to close out the first day of play.

Determined to avenge Saturday’s losses, Thomas Morris '17 took the mound for the Lords in the first game on Sunday.

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fatigued, especially after losing both games the first day,” Morris said. “The most important thing for me, because I knew I was starting in game three, was to come out prepared and ready to battle.”

While Kenyon’s offense mustered only two hits through the first six innings, Morris helped to keep the Lords in the game, allowing just five hits through seven innings.

“I was able to locate well and get ahead in the count, which left me with options,” Morris said. “That really kept the Oberlin hitters off balance.”

Down by one run, Kenyon entered the final frame of the seventh inning hoping to send the game to extras. With John Nahra '16 on second base

and Roldan on third, Gillespie grounded out, allowing Roldan to score, tying the game and sending Nahra to third. With two outs, Casey Rosenfeld '17 came through with an RBI single to knock Nahra in for the 2-1 walk-off win.

Looking to tie up the series, Kenyon took the field for the second game of Sunday’s doubleheader. Down 4-0 late, Kenyon brought the game within one thanks to RBIs from Dunn, Kyle Hardacker '15 and Phillip Nam '17, but a one-run seventh and two-run eighth by Oberlin were enough to seal the 7-4 victory in the final game of the series.

Kenyon will take to the field again this Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m. to host a doubleheader against Wittenberg University.

THIS WEEK IN KC ATHLETICS

Women’s tennis

The Kenyon Ladies’ tennis team played their final three home matches last week before closing out the regular season with a tough stretch of away matches.

The first of this trio of matches in Gambier began at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, at the Kenyon-hosted Great Lakes Colleges Association Championship. The Ladies lost to Kalamazoo College 6-3.

Later that day, the Ladies played the University of Findlay. This proved to be another close contest, but Kenyon won 5-4.

“We played two really good teams this weekend, and the rest of the teams that we play this season are going to be really good,” Abby Younger '15 said.

On Monday, April 7, Kenyon hosted Ohio Wesleyan University, shutting out the Battling Bishops 9-0 while celebrating Senior Day in honor of Samantha Betts '14.

Samantha Murphy '16 believes they have the potential for a successful conclusion to the year.

“I think that the biggest key for myself and the team is being able to keep that goal in sight — of finishing out the season strong — and to keep working hard,” Murphy said.

The Ladies’ next match is Wednesday, April 16 at the College of Wooster.

— Alex Pijanowski

Track and Field

Sierra DeLeon '14 broke two more school records April 5 at the Marv Frye Invitational at Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU). Despite her strong performance, the women’s team placed eighth and the men’s team placed last out of 10 teams.

“We don’t have a lot of depth, but we have some really solid individuals,” Head Coach Duane Gomez said.

DeLeon broke her own record in the women’s 100-meter hurdles in 14.55 seconds. Gomez said she is ranked third in NCAA Division III in the event. She also broke the Kenyon record in the women’s 200-meter dash in 25.09 seconds.

Haley Schneider '14 broke a Kenyon record in the hammer throw. For the Lords, Nat Fox '16 placed second in the men’s 800-meter. Lucy Iselin '16 qualified for Saturday’s All-Ohio Championships in the women’s 5,000-meter. Kye Duren '16 qualified for the men’s 100 and 200-meters. While the teams will go back to OWU for the All-Ohio Championships on Saturday, April 12, Sam Lagasse '16 and Jenna Willett '14 will compete against Division I runners and Division III All-American caliber runners at the Bison Invitational.

— Ian Round

Golf

Despite a strong start at the Ohio Wesleyan University Strimer Memorial Invitational, a disappointing second round doomed the Lords golf team over the two-day match that began April 5. The Lords finished in seventh place in a field of 15.

Shots bounced the Lords’ way during the first round and they tallied a team score of 306 — good enough for a fifth place tie at the day’s conclusion. Jake Fait '16 led the Lords with a score of 73.

When the second round started, almost all of the Lords’ individual scores increased, except for Zander Nethercutt '16, who improved his first day 81 down to a 77. As a team the Lords shot 309 for a combined score of 615, dropping them to seventh place.

The Lords shot 14 strokes better than the previous event, and Head Coach Grant Wallace said that though some of the “rust is coming off,” there is still much improvement to be made.

“The main thing is being able to play outside consistently,” Wallace said. “[Playing inside] doesn’t always mimic what we face out there.”

Next weekend the Lords will head to Granville for Denison University’s Ted Barclay Spring Invitational.

— John Bray

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Inconsistencies lead to softball splitting doubleheaders

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In its first competition in nearly a week, the Kenyon softball team split an afternoon doubleheader against Oberlin College on Saturday, April 5 in Gambier. The Ladies took game one, 2-0, while the Yeowomen evened the series in game two, 6-4.

Kenyon got out to a fast start in the first contest, with left fielder Jane Ghublikian '16 scoring on a wild pitch in the bottom half of the first inning.

The single run proved to be the game-winner. Maddy Stark '15 struck out seven batters and giving up just five hits en route to her eighth win of the season. Oberlin exhibited strong pitching, conceding only four hits. But the Yeowomen were doomed by their defense; both runs in Kenyon's 2-0 vic-

tory were unearned.

"We were playing as a team," first baseman Chelsea Delaney '15 said. "Our defense was really strong and we picked each other up and we played the way we were supposed to play. While our hitting wasn't great at times, we had key hits that helped us win."

Game two followed a different script. The Yeowomen eventually figured out pitcher Sylvie Thomas '17, and offensive flurries in the fourth and fifth innings broke a scoreless tie, giving Oberlin a 4-0 lead. Stark relieved Thomas after the fourth inning.

"It was a little harder [in game two]," Delaney said. "Going in, we were a little overconfident, but our attitude shifted. And that's what we've been trying to work on all season: to have the same attitude going into every game."

Kenyon fought back in the bottom half of the fifth, scoring two runs to cut the deficit in half. But the visitors took control in the top of the seventh inning, scoring two runs off of Stark. A final rally by the Ladies fell short with the tying run on base.

"It's really frustrating," Delaney said. "You want to win and you come up short. But it's a great lesson to learn, because next time you have to get that clutch hit or play. We should have that mentality in the innings beforehand instead of when our backs are against the wall."

After enduring 14 cancellations and postponements since returning from Spring Break, the Ladies will enter a gauntlet of 14 games in 10 days, including five conference doubleheaders.

It presents a challenge to Kenyon, which

began conference play with a losing record. However, Delaney said that the team understands what is necessary to regain positive results on the diamond.

"It's going to be a test to see if we have that mental toughness and energy, but also have that passion and drive," she said. "If we play our game like Kenyon Ladies — the way we've been practicing since fall — then I think this weekend and the following weeks are going to turn out really well for us."

The Ladies split another doubleheader at home against Wittenberg University, winning the first game 1-0 but falling to the Tigers in the second game by a score of 2-10.

They are scheduled to play two games at Otterbein University today and will face Ohio Wesleyan University and Hiram College over the weekend.

Men's tennis batters Big Red 6-3

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On Tuesday, April 8, the Kenyon men's tennis team accomplished a feat that most Kenyon student-athletes strive to achieve during their collegiate careers — defeating Denison University. The Lords departed Granville, Ohio with a 6-3 victory.

The Lords have successfully defeated Denison in every regular-season meeting since 2006. Wade Heerboth '15 said this only adds to the pressure that generally accompanies an encounter with a conference rival.

"We [didn't] want to be the team that ends that streak," Heerboth said.

"We knew it was going to be a tough match, because they always get fired up to play us, and they have been trying to beat us for a while," Head Coach Scott Thielke said. "I think that they came to play, and played a really good match against us."

Heerboth himself played a large role in preventing the Lords from being the team to lose to Denison.

He defeated Denison's Juan Guerra, 6-1, 6-2, at No. 1 singles, and teamed up with Colin Haas

'15 to win No. 2 doubles, 8-4. Mike Roberts '17 and Tristan Kaye '16 won their No. 3 doubles match to give the team an important 2-1 lead early in the evening.

Rounding out the singles wins were Sam Geier '16 at No. 2, Jake Huber '15 at No. 4 and Nick Fiaschetti '17 at No. 5.

However, after Tim Rosensteel '15 lost a hard-fought match at No. 3 singles, the match became much closer. Huber's 6-2, 6-4 win in singles was a pivotal moment to preserving the victory.

"Jacob Huber at [No. 4] singles was able to clinch the match for us," Heerboth said. "He's very experienced now — I think he was able to handle that pressure really well."

"I actually, to be honest, was unaware that a lot was riding on my match at that point," Huber said. "There were two different banks of courts, so it was really hard to see what was going on. There were some tight moments at the end. I just tried to play my game, and I think that having been there before definitely helped."

Heerboth said he was im-



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pressed by how well the team handled the complications and distractions which are likely to surround a Tuesday night match.

"A lot of us had a lot of work," he added. "Also, I was in class for a large part of the day, which was true for almost everyone on the team. That can be really tough, but I think all of us actually did a great job pushing [the distractions] to the side and treating it like any other match."

Next week, Kenyon will play another weekday away contest, facing the College of Wooster on Monday, April 14.

WLAX trumps Terriers

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Continuing their dominant season, the Kenyon women's lacrosse team faced off against Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) this past Saturday, April 5. After a rough start, the Ladies trailed the Battling Bishops by one goal at the end of the first half. But the Ladies bounced back and won the game 13-9.

"We started out a little flat, but I'm really proud of the way the entire Kenyon team rebounded," Head Coach Meredith Buzzi said.

After a quick opening goal for the Ladies by Co-Captain Kate Lang '14, Kenyon had to endure a series of four goals scored by OWU. Despite additional goals made by Co-Captain Alex Bair '14, Amy Morgan '14 and Caroline Shipman '15, Kenyon still found itself down a goal by the end of the first half.

"Possession of the ball was a primary game plan," Buzzi said. "The midfield was a big play for us; we wanted to make sure that they felt all the pressure that we could give them in the midfield to slow down the ball so they couldn't run and gun on us."

The Ladies came out strong in the second half, scoring four goals and boosting themselves ahead

to 9-7. The Ladies maintained this lead through the rest of the game, with Shipman and Ansen Burr '16 scoring a pair of goals in the middle of the half, and Bair finishing off the game with the last two goals.

Defensively, goalkeeper Meredith Bentsen '15 had an excellent second half, letting through only three shots and giving her a total of 72 saves for the season. Shipman's season record is now 30 goals and 10 assists, with Bair right behind her at 28 goals and nine assists. During the game, Kenyon managed to maintain greater control of the ball, with five fewer turnovers and more shots taken than by OWU.

"[Our] defense really stepped up and didn't allow good shots to be taken, and our offense got the job done when it was time to shoot," Buzzi said. "We started winning more drops, and we started taking that ball and doing exactly what Kenyon Lacrosse can do."

Last night, the Ladies dominated Hiram College on Senior Day, trouncing the Terriers 18-1. Their overall record stands at 8-3 on the season and 2-2 in conference.

Their next match is scheduled for this Saturday, April 12 at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa.